

**HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1997. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Wei Jingsheng, Democracy Advocate and former political prisoner; and public witnesses.

**RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2625, Ronald Reagan National Airport. The rule provides for a 2 hour time limit on the amendment process. The rule also makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rules provide for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster; and Representatives Davis of Virginia, Morella, Oberstar, Norton and Moran of Virginia.

**COSTS PAYABLE—TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.J. Res. 107, expressing the sense of the Congress that the award of attorneys' fees, costs, and sanctions of \$285,864.78 ordered by United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on December 18, 1997, should not be paid with taxpayer funds. The rule provides that the joint resolution will be considered as read. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hayworth.

**CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee ac-

tion H.R. 3130, Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998.

**IRS TAXPAYER ADVOCATE—ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Annual Report to Congress of the Internal Revenue Service Taxpayer Advocate. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner; Lee Monks, Taxpayer Advocate; and the following District Taxpayer Advocates: Fran Romano, Connecticut-Rhode Island District; Louis Romito, Associate District Taxpayer Advocate, Pennsylvania District; Janey Tabor, Ohio District; Sandra Ling, Pacific-Northwest District; and Elayne M. Goldstein, Midwest District.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, for reappointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget,* to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings on the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Margaret Hornbeck Greene, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings to examine trade and economic implications of the Asian financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to hold hearings on pending judicial nominations, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* business meeting, on proposed legislation to revise the Rehabilitation Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold hearings on classified disclosures to Congress, 10 a.m., SH-216.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the Asian financial crisis: and to its relationship to U.S. agriculture, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 1 p.m., 2362A, Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, oversight on National Parks Service, Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service and

the Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, hearing on Joint Economic Committee and Architect of the Capitol, 9 a.m., and the Joint Committee on Taxation, Capitol Police and the GAO, 1 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor-Health and Human Services and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to mark up H.R. 219, Homeowners' Insurance Availability Act of 1997, 10:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Status of the Superfund Program, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2864, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements; H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; and H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight*, hearing on Patient Access to Alternative Treatments: Beyond the FDA, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on Federal Aviation Administration at Risk: Year 2000 Impacts on the Air Traffic Control System, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Oversight*, to consider pending business, 3 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Task Force for the Contested Election in the 46th Congressional District of California, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on Implementation of the U.S.-China Nuclear Cooperation Agree-

ment, and to consider a motion to go into executive session, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, joint hearing on the Financial Crisis in Asia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 3117, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1998, 10:30 a.m., B352 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing regarding copyright licensing regimes covering retransmission of broadcast signals, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing regarding Gambling in Cyberspace: a hearing on the legality of gambling on the Internet, focusing on H.R. 2380, Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security*, to consider pending business and to honor Rep. Donald V. Dellums, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on the Road from Kyoto Part I: Where Are We, Where Are We Going, and How Do We Get There? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for FY 1999, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Programs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to continue hearings on proposals to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Iraq, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

# Résumé of Congressional Activity

## SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.  
The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

### DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 27 through January 31, 1998

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session .....	3	2	5
Time in session .....	21 hrs., 54'	10 hrs., 13'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings .....	244	101	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	60	..
Public bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	1	..
Bills through conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total .....	7	7	14
Senate bills .....	..	1	..
House bills .....	1	..	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	1	1	..
Simple resolutions .....	5	5	..
Measures reported, total .....	*1	*2	3
Senate bills .....	1	..	..
House bills .....	..	2	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	..	..
Special reports .....	..	..	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar .....	116	42	..
Measures introduced, total .....	33	63	96
Bills .....	25	48	..
Joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Concurrent resolutions .....	1	6	..
Simple resolutions .....	7	9	..
Quorum calls .....	1	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes .....	1	1	..
Recorded votes .....	..	..	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

### DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 27 through January 31, 1998

Civilian nominations totaling 156 (including 124 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed .....	3
Unconfirmed .....	151
Withdrawn .....	2
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 142 (including 86 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	142
Air Force nominations, totaling 224 (including 21 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	224
Army nominations, totaling 370 (including 2 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	370
Navy nominations, totaling 64 (including 4 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	64
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 6, disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed .....	6
<i>Summary</i>	
Total Nominations carried over from the First Session .....	237
Total nominations received this session .....	725
Total confirmed .....	3
Total unconfirmed .....	957
Total withdrawn .....	2

\*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. One report has been filed in the Senate, and one report has been filed in the House.